

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table. You may also give online.

*The Doxology # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Response: Holy God, *reform us by your love.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn #295 *Go To the World*

*Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601



This morning, the rose is to welcome Esme Nichole, born October 7th. She is the daughter of Keith & Coni Rutherford's granddaughter Anneliese. Congratulations!

This Week at FPC

October 25 – Sandwich Ministry following church service
October 27 – 7:00pm, AA
October 28 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
October 29 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
October 29 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

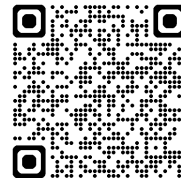
Mark Your Calendars

November 1 – All Saints Day
November 3 – 7:00pm, AA
November 4 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
November 8 – Communion / Session Meeting
November 10 – 7:00pm, AA
November 11 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle
November 14 – church reserved for piano recital

Ladies Tea – November 7th at 12:00. Reservation forms are on the Information table. Deadline is November 1. Please place money and papers in the church office.

Poinsettias – Order forms are on the Information table. Deadline for orders is November 22. Please place orders in the offering boxes.

Giving QR Code



If you would like to give you can scan this QR code and will be given the option to select an amount, fund, frequency, and either credit card or ACH bank transfer. Thank you!

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy - pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort - stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech - prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner - recovering at home
Diane Kasten - recovery at home
Russell DeLuca - severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline - Vancrest Dale Robertson - Greenbrier
Alice Lindley Beth Mickelson - Friends Fellowship Community

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve Church Members & Friends In The Service

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard - Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army - Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard - Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy - Bonnie Smith's grandson
Ben Freytag, US Navy - Rainelle Tusing's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

*Our Response of Praise - #581 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Special Music

Children's Message

Ten Best Ways to Live

Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination

Jake Schaurer

New Testament Scripture Reading *1 Peter 2:9*

New Testament Scripture Reading *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

New Testament Scripture Reading *Galatians 2:16*

Gospel Scripture Reading *Matthew 22:34-40*

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon *Being Presbyterian; The Church Reformed and Always Reforming*

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*Reflection Hymn #305 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

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I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Reformation Sunday

Being Presbyterian; The Church Reformed and Always Reforming

Welcome & Announcements

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Jake Schaurer

Liturgist: We gather here to worship God.

All: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

Liturgist: We gather here as Christ's body.

All: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

Liturgist: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

All: We are here to worship and to be transformed. Let us worship the Triune God!

***Opening Hymn #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
(text and tune written by Martin Luther)

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Jake Schaurer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all.

You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness.

You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases.

You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length.

You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back.

Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Question for Reflection

What changes might come into your life as a result of taking to heart and practicing the commands of Leviticus 19:15–18? Ponder this week what it might look like never to judge unjustly, not to defer to the rich or excuse the poor, not to gain from others' losses, neither to hate nor to avoid facing others' failings, to seek no revenge, and to hold no grudges.

Household Prayer: Morning

This morning, as I rise, O God, I hear the sounds of your world awaking, and I give you thanks for another day. Bless your people this morning, at noon, in the afternoon, and in the evening with mercy and loving-kindness. Show us every hour the way to love each other. Help me to see in any conflicts how to grow in faith through the struggle for peace with my family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and strangers; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I lie down to sleep tonight, O God, I give you thanks for this day so full of surprises and joys. My muscles and bones are weary, and I long for renewal and quiet. Because you are the One in whom I have complete rest, I lean into your arms at this hour. Guard and keep your servant so that through the night, I may grow strong. Wake me in the morning with resolve to love my neighbors and to love myself, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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*Taylor Clabaugh, Kathy McCreary, Randy Wright, Riley Buehner, Michael Fomin

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Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and
serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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